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Rev. Amos A. Phelps.
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Alvan Lincoln,
Boston, Mar. 6/46.

him an invitation to come and labor with us.

I know of no better way to ascertain the facts, than to write to you, asking you to be at the trouble to make the needed enquiries; if you think best also, to confer with Mr. Burchard in relation to it; and generally to give us any information in your power, or any opinion you may form as to the propriety of our taking any measures to secure the services of Mr. Burchard, with any hope of his giving the subject a favorable reception.

With my best wishes for your prosperity and usefulness

I am

Yours affec^t

Alvan Simonds.

Please write me as early in the coming week as you can, as our Committee are to have a meeting.

W^B. Should there be no probability our succeeding with Mr. Burchard, we have next on our list, Rev. John W. Alvord of Stamford Conn. Do you know him, or know how he is situated?

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Boston March 6. 1846.

Rev. Amos A. Phelps,

Dear Sir,

You may recollect that some three and a half years ago, when we were destitute of a minister you named to us the Rev. Mr. Burchard of New York City. You are probably aware also that we heard him, were pleased, and gave him a call, but after reflection, he concluded it was his duty to remain where he was. This determination, and all the correspondence in relation thereto, raised him in our estimation. You are also probably aware that we are again destitute of a pastor, as Rev. Mr. Patton felt it his duty to accept a call at Hartford, and left us Jan'y 1st with the best of feelings on his part, and on ours towards him. We are in a situation to need as soon as may be the services of a pious, devoted minister, of some practical wisdom and experience. We learned that the Church in Hartford gave a call to Mr. Burchard last fall, which he declined, as his people were then making an effort to build a new church edifice; he having little hope of being able to establish a permanently flourishing church without such a change, and thinking it wrong to leave them in the midst of the efforts. We yesterday learned that Mr. Burchard's Society had sold their old house, with the intention of building a new one farther up the city; but that since the sale, new difficulties had arisen, that the society was falling to pieces, and there was danger the enterprise might fail. While for the cause of truth generally we might mourn over such a result, yet I have no doubt that if Mr. Burchard should be so situated that he could feel it his duty to leave where he is, our Church and Society would at once give